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SERIAL NO. 10/616,881

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please amend the drawings as follows:

Please insert the attached new drawing as FIGURE 3A.

REMARKS

Entry of this amendment prior to examination on the merits is respectfully requested. The Final Office Action dated December 5, 2005 and the Advisory Action dated March 23, 2006 have been carefully considered. Claims 42-65 are pending. The above amendments and following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Claims 22-41 have been cancelled in this Response. Claims 42-65 have been added in this Response. Claims 22-26 have been previously withdrawn by the Examiner. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and following remarks.

Claims 22-41 stood rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Examiner cited a number of claim objections, and "Since the multiple problems under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, examiner cannot make a solid search for the application therefore 112 rejection is pointed out in the above section [detailing the claim objections]." Final Action, Page 3. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Nevertheless, in a sincere attempt to expedite examination and allowance, Claims 22-41 have been cancelled in this Response and new Claims 42-65 have been added in this Response. Furthermore, in an effort to aid understanding of the elected embodiments of the present invention, Applicants have respectfully added a timing diagram (Figure 3A) and accompanying description to the specification. Applicants submit that one skilled in the art could reproduce the added timing diagram and accompanying description solely from the invention as depicted in Figure 3. Accordingly, no new matter is introduced by these amendments to the specification.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections of Claims 22-41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, are now moot. Further Applicants respectfully submit that new

Claims 42-65 clearly describe patentable subject matter and are more than sufficiently definite to allow a thorough search. As such, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 42-65.


As a final matter, Applicants respectfully note that Applicants' Response to the Final Action was deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class mail and properly addressed to the Patent Office on February 6, 2006, and therefore should be accorded a filing date of February 6, 2006, not February 13, 2006 as alleged by the Examiner in the Advisory Action. Accordingly, as February 5, 2006 was a Sunday, Applicants have filed an early response within two months of the Final Action of December 5, 2005.

Applicants therefore enclose a check in the amount of \$910.00 in payment of the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) for a Request for Continued Examination with a one-month extension under 37 CFR 1.114. Applicants do not believe that any other fees are due. However, in the event that any other fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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